

what YOU need to know NOW!



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NEW SANDY LEGISLATION and *WHAT's NEW?!*

In this edition of the *What YOU Need to Know NOW!* eNewsletter, we have an important story on the new *Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013* (Sandy Legislation) and the pilot program that it includes for **both** debris and permanent work alternatives. This new legislation offers **important opportunities** to *current* Applicants. Some conditions to **qualify** for alternatives offered in the pilot programs require you to **act NOW**, so we encourage you to read the story carefully.

We have also included *What's New?* sections to keep you up to date on the many important initiatives happening at GOHSEP to support your efforts.

If you have questions, need help in any way or want to share your comments and thoughts, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are here to help.

Best wishes,

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What's New? Preparedness

NEW EMERGENCY GUIDES AT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OHSEP)

GOHSEP has recently produced English, Spanish and Vietnamese versions of the new *Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide* (Guide). This **free** Guide provides helpful information to better prepare yourself, your family, your pets and your business. Get a Game Plan (getagameplan.org) and find out where to download apps to help you plan for an emergency. Download your copy of the *Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide* at gohsep.la.gov/publications.aspx.



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What's New? Public Assistance (PA)

SANDY RECOVERY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013

In the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy, Congress passed and President Obama signed the **Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013** (P.L. 113-2) (Sandy Legislation) into law. Among other provisions, it allows for a pilot program that offers a menu of options for **permanent work** and **debris removal**.

The program is **voluntary**. The permanent work pilot:

- Allows grants based on **capped estimates**. (Applicants accept responsibility for actual cost above the estimate, but also get to use **excess funds** for activities that reduce risk in future disasters.)

» **Current projects qualify if construction has not yet begun.**

- Permits **consolidated multiple permanent work** projects.
- **Eliminates the penalty** for alternate projects.
- Requires FEMA to accept cost estimate by **mutually agreed upon** licensed professional engineer or other estimating professional, subject only to review of compliance with PA Program requirements.
- And more!

(STORY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE . . .)



DON'T DELAY!

If you already have a *Debris Management Plan*, update it **NOW** and submit to GOHSEP so you will qualify to participate in the debris pilot program.

If you do NOT have a *Debris Management Plan*, develop one **NOW**. The information you need to get started can be downloaded from louisianapa.com/site/newsarchive.cfm?id=119, August 8 and 23 postings. OR contact Stewart Jones, george.jones@la.gov, 985-768-2574 or Freddie Gardner, GOHSEP Debris Technical Specialist, at 225-303-6610.

SANDY LEGISLATION SANDY RECOVERY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013 (CONTINUED . . .)

The debris pilot offers communities financial incentives for timely removal of post-disaster debris and for having a pre-incident approved *Debris Management Plan*.

- Updating or developing a *Debris Plan NOW* qualifies Applicants for a one-time **2% incentive** after the next incident.
- You may receive a **5 - 10% additional Federal cost share** for quick debris removal after an incident.
- Consider using **Force Account Labor (FAL) straight time** in your *Debris Plan* because it is now reimbursable.
- Income from **recycling** can now be retained.

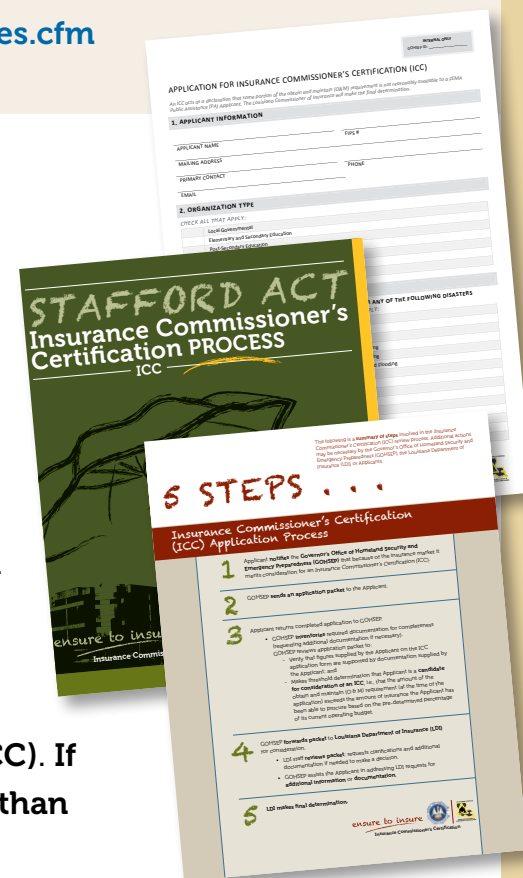
If you have any questions, or want to participate in the program and need assistance, we are here to help. Please contact your **GOHSEP Public Assistance (PA) State Applicant Liaison (SAL)** or **Disaster Recovery Specialist (DRS)** for more information, or call our office.

OR for more information, visit: louisianapa.com/site/resources.cfm

Insurance Commissioner's Certification (ICC)

FEMA requires that Applicants **obtain and maintain** insurance on facilities that have received FEMA PA funding. This is often called the **O & M requirement**. Not meeting this requirement can impact your *continued* eligibility for *future* PA funding and can put the dollars you have already received **at risk of de-obligation**. If you feel you cannot **reasonably** meet the O & M requirement, help may be available through the **Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI)** by applying for and receiving an *Insurance Commissioner's Certification (ICC)*. If you think you may need an ICC, contact your PA SAL OR Nathan Dronette at nathan.dronette@la.gov or 225-339-3705.

For more information on the ICC, download this helpful brochure and an Application form at louisianapa.com/site/resources.cfm.



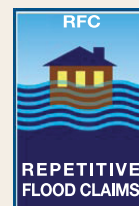
What's New? Hazard Mitigation (HM)

HM NON-DISASTER GRANT CYCLE OPEN NOW

The HM non-disaster grant cycle opened **July 15, 2013**. Please contact your HM SAL for more information on **how to apply** for HM non-disaster grants and **eligible projects**.

HM FUNDING

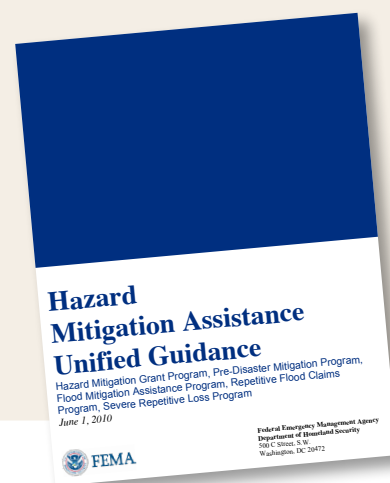
GOHSEP has recently allocated **\$66 MILLION** in new HM grant funding to help rebuild from Hurricane Isaac. FEMA awarded Louisiana these funds **based on the damages across the State**. If you need technical assistance, contact your HM SAL for guidance.



HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA) UNIFIED GUIDANCE

The 2013 updated HMA *Unified Guidance* is now available from FEMA at this link:

fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/33634?id=7851



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Education + Outreach

getting it right! Documentation + Insurance WORKSHOPS

GOHSEP recently hosted a round of Applicant and stakeholder workshops across the State. Workshops focused on **documentation** requirements for FEMA grants and the **Insurance Commissioner's Certification (ICC)** – what it is and why it might be needed. Valuable tools and **job aids** were given to participants and are also available to **download**.



Photos from the 2013 getting it right! Documentation + Insurance workshops

getting it right! Analyzing Risks + Threats + Hazards + Capabilities WORKSHOPS

GOHSEP recently hosted a round of statewide workshops to help Parishes, through their Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) Directors, complete the required *Risk Survey* posted to WebEOC. Completed surveys are due **September 30, 2013** from OHSEP Directors to GOHSEP. *Capability Estimations* are due **on or before April 1, 2014**. Valuable tools and **job aids** were given to participants and are also available to **download**.



Photo from the 2013 getting it right! Analyzing Risks + Threats + Hazards + Capabilities Slidell workshop. Workshops were also held in Alexandria, Ruston, Baton Rouge and Crowley.

Materials from the 2013 getting it right!
Documentation + Insurance workshop



Materials from the 2013 getting it right! Analyzing Risks + Threats
+ Hazards + Capabilities workshop



In addition to the ICC brochure and Application noted previously, *Documentation Requirements Checklists* and all materials from the 2013 getting it right! Documentation + Insurance workshop and the Analyzing Risks + Threats + Hazards + Capabilities workshop can be downloaded at gohsep.la.gov/outreach.aspx.

Coming Up!

SEPTEMBER 2013

Cyber Awareness Webinar

SEPTEMBER 25 AND 27, OCTOBER 1

OCTOBER 2013

Threat and Risk Assessment

(MGT-310) Gretna

OCTOBER 8 – 9

Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents

(ICS-300) Baton Rouge

OCTOBER 8 – 9

Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents

(ICS-300) Baton Rouge Louisiana State
Police

OCTOBER 15 – 16

Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment

(MGT-315) Ouachita

OCTOBER 15 – 16

Complex Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff Incidents and MACs

(ICS-400) Baton Rouge Louisiana State
Police

OCTOBER 24 – 25

WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Course, Train-the-Trainer

(AWR-140/140-1) Monroe

OCTOBER 29

Bioterrorism: Mass Prophylaxis Preparedness and Planning

(MGT-319) Baton Rouge

OCTOBER 29 – 30

WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course

(PER-240) Monroe

OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 1

NOVEMBER 2013

Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER)

(PER-275) New Orleans

NOVEMBER 5 – 7

WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Course, Train-the-Trainer

(AWR-140/140-1) Mandeville

NOVEMBER 5

WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations Course

(PER-240) Mandeville

NOVEMBER 6 – 7

Bioterrorism: Mass Prophylaxis Preparedness and Planning

(MGT-319) Lake Charles

NOVEMBER 7 – 8

Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment (MGT-315) Gretna

NOVEMBER 12 – 13

Enhanced Sports and Special Events Incident Management Course

Louisiana State University

NOVEMBER 12 – 14

Procurement/Legal Seminar

Baton Rouge

NOVEMBER 13 – 14

Complex Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff Incidents and MACS

(ICS-400) Baton Rouge

NOVEMBER 13 – 14

DECEMBER 2013

ICS Curricula Train-the-Trainer Course

(L-449) Baton Rouge

DECEMBER 3 – 6

Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear + Explosives (CBRNE) Workshop

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Training/Exercise Planning Workshop

(Homeland Security Information Network [HSIN] – Secure + Credentials)

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Training events may change and new events are added as they are developed.

Arbitration + Appeals Success

Through arbitration, GOHSEP has helped Applicants keep more than **94% of the dollars** that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS-OIG) had recommended for de-obligation. Through the appeals and arbitration process, GOHSEP has settled more than **\$1.1 BILLION** in eligibility differences with FEMA, ensuring that those dollars **stay in Louisiana** to provide recovery assistance for Louisiana Public Assistance (PA) Applicants.

GOHSEP CONTACTS

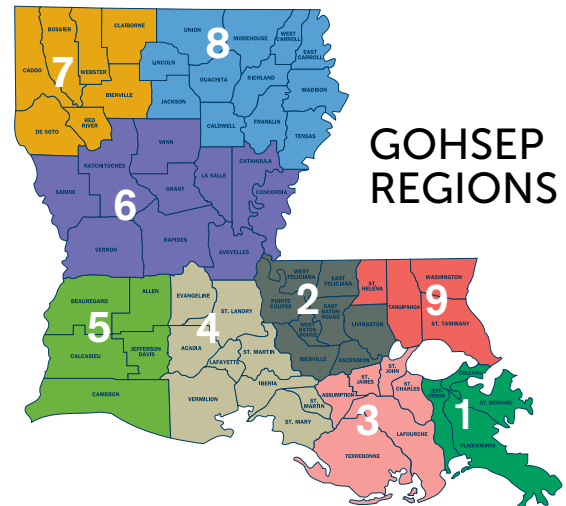
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Region 1

Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines
and Jefferson

Region 2

East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge,
Livingston, Ascension, Iberville, Pointe
Coupee, East Feliciana and West Feliciana

Region 3

Lafourche, St. John, St. Charles, St. James,
Assumption and Terrebonne

Region 4

Lafayette, Evangeline, St. Landry, Acadia, St.
Martin, Iberia, Vermilion and St. Mary

Region 5

Beauregard, Allen, Calcasieu, Jefferson
Davis and Cameron

Region 6

Vernon, Sabine, Natchitoches, Winn, Grant,
Rapides, LaSalle, Catahoula, Concordia and
Avoyelles

Region 7

Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne,
Bienville, Red River and DeSoto

Region 8

Ouachita, Union, Lincoln, Jackson,
Caldwell, Richland, Morehouse, Franklin,
West Carroll, East Carroll, Madison and
Tensas

Region 9

Washington, St. Tammany, St. Helena and
Tangipahoa

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